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INFORMAL AMENDMENT FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

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Message:

Dear Examiner Pickett:

Enclosed, please find amended versions of claims 1, 3, 4, 11, 15 and 18 which I would like to discuss during our upcoming interview. Please let me know when we can schedule it.

Steve Hansen

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Proposed Amendment for Discussion Purposes Only
Application No. 10/056,856, "Yarn Palette"
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1. (Currently Amended) A yarn organizer tool for organizing skeins, comprising:

a piece of material having a length; and

a plurality of cord locks attached to the material, wherein each cord lock comprises an adjustable loop and a locking means, the loop configured to receive usable lengths of skeins therethrough, the locking means having a lock position and a release position, wherein in the release position, the loop can be adjusted in size and wherein in the lock position, the loop is not adjustable, each cord lock further having a length and a fully extended position such that when fully extended, each cord lock length is shorter than said length of said piece of material.

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3. (Currently Amended) A yarn organizer tool, comprising:

a flexible, rollable panel having a length, and

a plurality of cord locks attached to the panel, wherein each cord lock comprises an adjustable loop and a locking means, the loop configured to receive usable lengths of skeins therethrough, the locking means having a lock position and a release position, wherein in the release position, the loop can be adjusted in size and wherein in the lock position, the loop is not adjustable, each cord lock further having a length and a fully extended position such that when fully extended, each cord lock length is shorter than said length of said panel.

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4. (Currently Amended) A yarn organizer tool for organizing skeins, comprising:

a flexible, rollable panel having an inside surface and a length;

a plurality of ~~support members~~ cord locks adjustably dimensioned to receive skeins of yarn, each ~~support member~~ cord lock attached to the inside surface of the panel, wherein each ~~support member~~ cord lock comprises an adjustable loop and a locking means, the loop configured to receive usable lengths of skeins therethrough, the locking means having a lock position and a release position, wherein in the release position, the loop can be adjusted in size and wherein in the lock position, the loop is not adjustable, each cord lock further having a length and a fully extended position such that when fully extended, each cord lock length is shorter than said length of said panel; and

a compact state wherein the flexible panel is rolled; and

~~a pair of end straps attached to the panel, wherein in the compact state, the end straps encircle the panel and releasably secure the panel.~~

11. (Currently Amended) A method of storing skeins, comprising the steps of:

providing a yarn organizer having a flexible panel and a plurality of cord locks thereon, wherein each cord lock includes a loop and an adjustable fastener for varying the size of the loop, said flexible panel having a length and each cord lock further having a length and a fully extended position such that when fully extended, each cord lock length is shorter than said length of said panel;

threading the usable lengths of skeins through the loop of the cord lock; and

adjusting the fastener to securely retain the skeins in the loop while allowing retrieval of individual lengths of skeins.

15. (Currently Amended) A yarn organizer tool for organizing skeins of yarn, comprising:

a flexible, rollable panel having an inside surface and a length;

a plurality of cord locks adjustably dimensioned to receive skeins of yarn, the cord locks attached to the inside surface of the panel in a spaced apart relationship, wherein each cord lock comprises an adjustable loop and a locking means, the loop configured to receive usable lengths of skeins therethrough, the locking means having a lock position and a release position, wherein in the release position, the loop can be adjusted in size and wherein in the lock position, the loop is not adjustable, each cord lock further having a length and a fully extended position such that when fully extended, said cord lock length is shorter than said length of said panel; and

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a compact state wherein the flexible panel is rolled.

18. (Currently Amended) A yarn organizer tool for carrying and storing skeins of yarn, comprising:

a panel having an inside surface and a length; and

a plurality of cord locks adjustably dimensioned to receive skeins of yarn, the cord locks attached to the inside surface of the panel in a spaced apart

relationship, wherein each cord lock comprises an adjustable loop and a locking means, the loop configured to receive usable lengths of skeins therethrough, the locking means having a lock position and a release position, wherein in the release position, the loop can be adjusted in size and wherein in the lock position, the loop is not adjustable, each cord lock further having a length and a fully extended position such that when fully extended, each cord lock length is shorter than said length of said panel.

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Attached is the Interview Summary for our conversation this afternoon. Please note the period for reply for comments concerning the substance of the interview.

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